

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A chassis for an electronic device, comprising:

 a plurality of exterior walls joined to each other to form a partially-assembled chassis, wherein at least ~~a portion of~~ one exterior wall is entirely vacated; and

 a plurality of interchangeable access panels each adapted to be removably attached to the partially-assembled chassis so as to occupy at least a portion of the exterior wall vacancy, wherein each such access panel has a unique configuration of one or more apertures each providing operational access to components housed in the chassis,

 whereby a completely-assembled chassis is attained by removably attaching any of the plurality of interchangeable access panels to the partially-assembled chassis.

2. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, further comprising:

 an interlocking system comprising at least one interlocking mechanism operably positioned at one or more locations in one or more of the partially-assembled chassis and each of the plurality of interchangeable access panels, wherein each interlocking mechanism is adapted to detachably secure at least a portion of a selected interchangeable access panel to the partially-assembled chassis.

3. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein each of the configurations of one or more operational access apertures comprises one or more of the group comprising:

- at least one port aperture;
- at least one expansion slot aperture;
- at least one power supply aperture; and
- at least one ventilation apertures.

4. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a server.

5. (Original) The chassis of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a personal computer.

6. (Currently Amended) A plurality of interchangeable access panels, wherein each access panel is adapted to be removably attached to a partially-assembled chassis to occupy at least a portion of an entirely vacant a vacant portion of an exterior wall, and wherein each access panel comprises a configuration of at least one aperture each constructed and arranged to provide operational access to components mounted in the chassis.

7. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein each access panel further comprises:
an interlocking system comprising at least one interlocking mechanism operably positioned at one or more locations in either or both the partially-assembled chassis and each of the plurality of interchangeable access panels, wherein each interlocking mechanism is adapted to detachably secure a portion of a selected interchangeable access panel to the partially-assembled chassis.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein each configuration of at least one operational access aperture comprises a combination of one or more characteristics of aperture size, dimensions, quantity, orientation, relative position, location, and type of supported operational access.

10. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the configuration of one or more operational access apertures of at least one of the interchangeable each access panels comprises:

at least one port aperture.

11. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the configuration of one or more operational access apertures of at least one of the interchangeable each access panels comprises:

at least one expansion slot aperture.

12. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the configuration of one or more operational access apertures of at least one of the interchangeable each access panels comprises:

at least one power supply aperture.

13. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the configuration of one or more operational access apertures of at least one of the interchangeable each access panels comprises:

at least one ventilation aperture.

14. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the electronic device is a server.

15. (Original) The access panels of claim 6, wherein the electronic device is a personal computer.

16-25. (Cancelled)